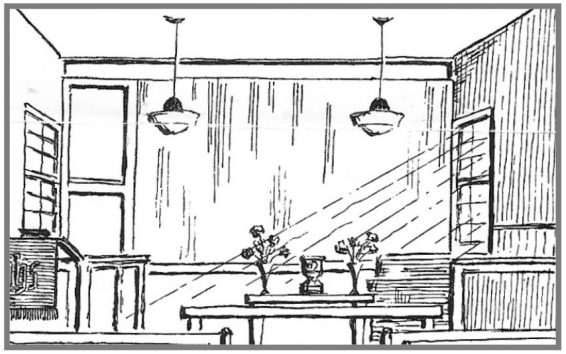
PREACHERS FOR April & May

All services start at 11am unless otherwise indicated.



April	3rd	Miss Kate Hitchcox.
April	10th	6.30pm **Palm Sunday Circuit Service**, Daventry, led by The Rev'd Helen Cameron, Chair of the District.
April	17th	The Rev'd Ian Rennie, **Holy Communion.**
May	1st	Mr Derek Lill
May	15th	The Rev'd David Collinson, **Holy Communion.**
June	5th	Kate Hitchcox, **Special service** to celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

Flower rota

Please note: this rota has altered since pre-Covid days.

April:

3rd Angela Woolliscroft
17th Easter- Margaret Webster

May:

1st Annegret Morgan
15th Joyce Latham

Cleaning rota

Please note: this rota has altered since pre-Covid days.

April – week ending:

2nd Rachel Sensecall
16th Alison Deeming
30th Sharon Barnes

May:

14th Wendy Williamson

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From the Editor

It was with great sadness we learned as this edition was being prepared that Arthur Caunter died during the night of March 14th/15th. He had returned home from hospital just three days earlier. We send our sympathy to Glenys and her sons and wider family who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

The funeral service for Arthur is at 12-noon on Tuesday 12th April at Broadwell Methodist Chapel. A tribute to Arthur will appear in the June/July issue of *Broadwell Mail.*

After two years of Coronavirus rules and restrictions life does appear to be returning to near pre-pandemic levels. There are certainly a lot of events scheduled over the coming months. Details of the some of the imminent events appear in this issue.

But Covid is still with us. So continue to do all that you can to stay safe!

Keith Read,
Temporary Editor.

Your news for the June/July edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Friday 20th May** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 28th May.

But please do send Keith any news or other contributions at any time. Early copy always gets a good show! His e-mail address is: keithrread@aol.com (Take care to get two Rs in the middle!) Or jot down your contribution and drop it in at *Hawthorn Cottage*, Broadwell.

Many thanks.

Suggested Bible Readings:

April: 3rd, Ezekiel 37 vv 1-14 & John 11 vv 1-45; **10th,** Matthew 21 vv 1-11 & Psalm 11 vv 1,2 & 19-29; **17th (Easter),** Acts 10 vv 34-43 & John 20 vv 1-18; **24th,** Acts 2 vv 14a & 22-32 & John 20 vv 19-31.

May: 1st, Acts 2 vv 14a & 36-41 & Luke 24 vv 13-35; **8th,** Acts 2 vv 42-47 & John 10 1-10; **15th,** Acts 7 vv 55-60 & John 14 vv 1-14; **22nd,** Acts 17, vv 22-31 & John 14 vv 15-21; **29th,** Acts 1 vv 6-14 & John 17 vv 1-11.

Remember in Prayer:

We pray for all who are ill or distressed; for the lonely and bereaved and those in any other need or trouble, that they may be comforted and sustained

We pray for the church in every land, for our church and other local churches, that we may serve with reverence and joy.

We pray for the life of the world and those who exercise power. Show us how to live as members of a humble family, to reject the ways of war, to bear each other's burdens and to work together for justice and lasting peace.

As we pray for our own situations we are asked to focus on Ukraine and use the following prayer sent to us by the Methodist Church Circuit:

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia, for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear. And

LH Bowls Club move outdoors

By Susan Turner

We have had a good indoor season at Leamington Hastings Bowls Club with indoor sessions regularly being attended by 15 to 20 members on each afternoon. But with the clocks moved forward and the weather improving we are preparing to move outdoors.

Our indoor short-mat season comes to an end on Wednesday 20th April. After that we start our outdoor season meeting every Wednesday at 6pm. If you would like to come along and have a go, (no obligation), please come to the Leamington Hastings Village Hall. It's fun, good exercise and offers good company! You don't need any equipment or experience. Please wear loose clothing and flat shoes. If you would like further information please call 01788 336913.

On the social side, our recent Skittles Night raised £373 for the club funds and was, as always, great fun! There were prizes for the winning team, the second-placed team and the last placed team as well as awards for those who scored 9's and those who scored nothing! Thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make it a roaring success.

Fancy relaxing on a bit of nostalgia?

Leamington Hastings Parish Hall is disposing of some of the original wooden chairs. If you'd like to purchase one (or more!) they are being offered at £3 each.

Considering their age, the chairs are in good condition and very serviceable. The only reason they are being disposed of it that the hall has acquired newer stacking chairs that are more practical in terms of space taken up when they are not in use.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Hall Secretary, Jill Ayres, at: **j_ayres@btinternet.com**

New box for books!

Many thanks to Phil Sandall for making the new 'library box' that is outside the Victory Hall. It will keep the books for borrowing clean and dry. Please do make use of the 'library'!

Anglican News:

Unfortunately the plan for services at churches in the Parish was not ready in time for inclusion in this edition of *Broadwell Mail.* However, you can find all the details by going to the Parish Church website at: **https://www.leamvalleychurches.co.uk**

As well as regular services, the website also has details of the Easter/Holy Week services and arrangements.

Broadwell Flower Show Committee News

By Martin Wibberley

On Saturday, 5th March, we held our first event for nearly three years – our famous Pancake Bingo night. The Victory Hall was packed and a big thank-you to everyone who came along. Many pancakes were consumed and, as usual, the fumes from the frying pans caused the fire alarm to go off! So our thanks to Phil Sandall for managing to get it silenced. After costs the event raised £75.

On the 9th of April we will be holding our Spring Fair. Schedules will be distributed around the village over the next few weeks, so all you vegetable growers, bakers and crafts people get ready to enter the various classes!

Later this year, on the 10th of September, we will be putting on our annual Summer Show. Whilst planning is still in the early stages, we thought we ought to let people know that there will be a competition in the village for the best tub, trough or basket flower display. By giving early notice of the competition you should have plenty of time to grow, or buy, suitable plants. More information on this competition will be sent out soon.

Every year we choose a charity to support and donate to from the money we raise during the year. Following the tragic death earlier this year of Len Eadon,one of our local young farmers, the committee have chosen to support Papyrus. This is a charity that supports young people who may find themselves having thoughts of suicide. More information can be found on their website:
https://www.papyrus-uk.org

Over Sixties:

Over Sixties usually meet at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month.

At the April meeting, on the 27th, we look forward to another afternoon with our guest speaker, Robin Warwood.

Our May meeting is on the 25th, when Jess Nash will be with us again to entertain us with a Comedy talk.

Meetings begin at 2.30pm and new members are always welcome. Subscriptions remain £5 – certainly extremely good value!

Bunting & material wanted:

Do you have any flags or bunting that the Jubilee celebrations group could borrow for few days during the first week of June?

Alternatively, if you have material that would be suitable, there are volunteers ready to sew pennants into strings of bunting.

If you can help, please let Sally Sandall know on 01926 812687 or via e-mail at:
sallysandall@gmail.com

we pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life , and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn swords into ploughshares and seek peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by wisdom and the courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace in Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed son.

Lord, in Your mercy – hear our prayers.

Lent Lunch & Coffee Morning:

In place of our next coffee morning we will, as is usual at this time of the year, be holding our **Lent Lunch.**

This will be at the Methodist Church from 12-noon until 1.30pm on Wednesday 13th April.

There is no set charge but you are invited to make a donation to the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (now known as All We Can) which gives support to those in need at home and abroad.

Please join us, if you are able, and support this worthy cause.

Our next coffee morning is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th at the usual time of 10.30am until12-noon.

We meet at Broadwell Methodist Church, where all are very welcome. Please do join us if you are able.

Family news – Joe Byerly:

We were sad to learn of the death in Galanos House on 2nd February of Joe Byerly. He was 91.

Joe, and his late wife, Ellen, lived most of their lives at Shuckburgh but were frequent worshippers at Broadwell Methodist Chapel.

Joe was also a regular exhibitor at our village Flower Show where his produce excelled.

We send our sympathy to his son and daughter and their families.

Family news – Paul Fennell:

The Fennell family thank all who have helped us come to terms with Paul's untimely death.

Sheila writes: *"The number of you who came to bid him his last farewell – along with practical help, expressions of condolence and donations to the RAF Benevolent Fund – are testimony to the esteem in which he was held and a great comfort to us."*

REFLECTIONS... ...SNOITCELFER

By Keith Read

With planning for the Platinum Jubilee long weekend Bank Holiday in June gaining momentum, it's inevitable that we reflect on the seven-decade reign of Her Majesty – our Queen – and events throughout her 70 years on the throne. For many (not including me, I hasten to add!) those reflections will embrace the time when they met the Queen. And for older folk who met Her Majesty in the early days after her accession, those memories will include recollection of times that were so different...

I grew up in a small village in Kent called Mersham. My parents rented a tiny cottage from Mrs Bendixson, the owner of the adjoining large house. Across the road was an even larger house, more of a mansion – *New House* – the home of Lord and Lady Brabourne.

Lady Brabourne (now Countess Mountbatten) is the Queen's cousin and the then Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip were occasional visitors to *New House*. I can recall Sundays when the Royal couple were in Mersham when Mum and Dad put on their one set of 'best clothes', dressed me in my school uniform and we all walked to church to line the footpath from the car park to the church door to greet the Royal visitors as they walked from their car to attend the morning service.

Security on such occasions comprised just a uniformed Bobby and a plain-clothes detective from Ashford, our nearest town with a police station. And they based themselves in Mrs Bendixson's kitchen – a full 100 yards from the front door at *New House*! Yes, times were certainly different.

However, not everyone might agree that they were also *better* times.... I often reflect on the more-carefree life that most of us seemed to enjoy in the 1950s, '60s and '70s and regret their passing. But wait a minute;! Have they really passed? My feeling is (and has been for most of the 35 years I've lived in Broadwell) that, to a certain degree, those halcyon days are alive and well and residing within our community...

There are countless examples of kindness, compassion and friendliness that I can cite. It is, in short, a wonderful community in which to live! I thank the Lord for the feelings of security and comfort that gives – and I believe I'm in the company of many in this village and surrounding communities who feel exactly the same.

While I'm sure that if Royalty were to join our Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June their security would be considerably more than a Bobby and a detective from Rugby, life in Broadwell continues to remind me of my wonderful carefree childhood in Mersham – and of the many visits to *New House* that Her Majesty, and other Royals, made.

Leamington Hastings Academy news...

***By Suzanne Marson – Head of Schoo*l.**

We've had a busy term at Leamington Hastings Academy, with recent key highlights consisting of a rock band experience, visiting the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, a visit to a synagogue and working alongside an artist to produce a large piece of art for the school.

The Early Years children are currently learning about animals and are enjoying observing the life cycle of a frog in action.

Key Stage One children are learning about explorers, focussing on Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

We're looking forward to holding Quiz Night for the first time since 2019! The quiz will be held on Friday 20th May in the school hall; doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. If you would like to take part, tickets are £10 per person, inclusive of a meal, and can be booked via the school office on 01926 632359.

We're also excited that Rose Queen Day will be back this year. Save the date of Sunday 3rd July. We would love members of the local community to join us at both events and look forward to being able to open up the school doors to visitors again.

Job opportunity

We are currently expanding our staff team to include at least one additional Teaching Assistant. If you are interested in joining our team, whether that be on a full or part time basis, please get in touch. Thank you!

Chapel services change:

Since the resumption of services at Broadwell Methodist Chapel the pattern has been for a service on alterrnate Sundays. But that has now changed.

In future, services will be held on the first and third Sundays in the month.

The change takes place with immediate effect meaning that Sunday 3rd April, Sunday 17th April, Sunday 1st May and Sunday 15th May are the dates for upcoming services.

Relief organist sought:

Can you play an organ? Or do you know someone who can?

Broadwell Methodist Chapel is seeking a volunteer who would be prepared to become our stand-in organist to provide cover when our regular organist is unable to play.

With services currently only being held twice a month, the role is by no means onerous.

If you can help, please call Rosemary Chapman on 01926 813857 or at **rosiemary.chapman@btinternet.com**

Easter Saturday family event at LH Parish Hall

By Jill Ayres

Following the successful Halloween Party and Quiz Night at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall, the committee are pleased to announce another event to which you are invited. An Easter Arts & Crafts and Farmers' Market is being held on Saturday 16th April. (See flyer on page 8). Doors will be open from 11am until 3pm.

As well as the many stalls there will be teas, coffee and home-made cakes over which you will be able to socialise with friends and neighbours as we all (gently!) ease back into the life we all enjoyed before Coronavirus... Please feel free to wear masks if you wish. Hand sanitiser will be freely available.

There are stalls that will definitely appeal to youngsters including tombolas for both chocolate and for teddy bears (and cuddly friends!)

Among the traditional Farmers' Market stalls at the Parish Hall on the day will be Water Buffalo meats and cheese from Napton; Lost Farm meats and eggs from Grandborough; jams; hand-made pottery; decoupage bird boxes and Easter gifts; carved walking sticks and staves; fobs and bracelets; jewellery; hand-crafted pens and pencils; prints; original artwork; coasters and brooches – and more!

Do join us for what promises to be a fun-filled family event!

Disappearing litter:

If you've noticed that our village is looking litter-free (especially on the approach roads) it's thanks to the efforts of two of our younger residents!

Charlotte Wibberley and Henry Woodrow have both been litter-picking as part of their work toward their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We are extremely grateful for their efforts, especially as the amount of litter that appears to be thrown from vehicles driving through the village has increased lately.

It's the second year that Henry has undertaken litter picking.

We wish both of these volunteers good luck on their journey to receiving their DofE Awards.

A big Broadwell welcome to...

... our new neighbours – Peter and Kathy Ridley – who have moved from Rugby to *Talbot House* on The Green.

Peter is a graphic designer and, until the Covid-19 pandemic, made a daily commute to his office in London. However, for the past two years he has been mainly working from home. This is something he is continuing now that he is in Broadwell but will make occasional visits to the office in the capital.

Kathy is a supply teacher and is not a complete stranger to Broadwell. When she was a child her parents, Mr and Mrs Davies, lived at Birdingbury.

We hope that they will both be very happy in their new home and enjoy being part of our community.

Broadwell celebrating Platinum Jubilee in style!

A whole host of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during the extended Bank Holiday from June 2nd to 5th are planned – and some have already happened with the planting of an oak tree (donated by one of our newer families in Broadwell) on The Green as part of the nationwide Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

Thanks to the efforts of a small group of volunteers – and the support of the Trustees of The Green and Victory Hall and the Flower Show – it should be a long weekend to remember. Celebrations kick off with the lighting of a bonfire (our Jubilee beacon!) on Rusty Butts – the gated road – around sunset on Thursday June 2nd. Hot dogs will be provided, but bring your own drinks.

Throughout the four-day festival our Scarecrow Trail will see many homes depicting events and personalities from Her Majesty's seven decades as our Queen. There will be an opportunity for villagers and visitors to judge the scarecrows, adding to the excitement.

For each child in the village aged 18 or under there will be a free commemorative Platinum Jubilee mug while identical mugs will be on sale at £6 each. (See details opposite).

An exhibition of Broadwell village photographs and memories of village events spanning the 70 years since 1952 will be staged. Do let Lucy Woodrow at *Hayway Cottage* know if you have photographs that she can scan and use as she is putting together the digital exhibition.

There will be a special ecumenical service at Broadwell methodist Chapel on the morning of Sunday 5th June and the celebrations culminate in a Bring-Your-Own Picnic on The Green or, if the weather is inclement, in one of Steve and Alison's barns at Home Farm.

For more information or to offer to be involved in some way, please contact Sally Sandall (**sallysandall@gmail.com** or on 01926 812687) or Carla Tucker (**carla.tucker54@gmail.com** or on 01926 810460).

Flags flying!

Residents are being encouraged to fly flags and bunting throughout the four-day festival. And to mark the Queen's Jubilee, the Trustees of the Green and Victory Hall and the Flower Show committee have purchased a new Union flag for The Green.

The previous flag, which had been flying for quite some time, suffered badly in the recent storms. Hopefully the brand new Union flag will last for many years.

Chapel opens its doors for refreshments:

Broadwell Methodist Chapel is opening its doors on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June, from 1pm until 3pm, to serve refreshments especially to residents and visitors looking at entries in the Scarecrow Festival.

And on Sunday 5th June there will be a special ecumenical service at 11am led by Kate Hitchcox, our Community Chaplain and Administrator. All are welcome!

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE MUGS

We have commissioned a number of 'Broadwell Special Edition' Jubilee mugs, ***writes Clive Harridge***. Children aged 18 or under, and living in the village, will receive a mug free of charge. Only a limited number for sale at £6 each will be available. So please order now to avoid disappointment.

These exclusively-designed bone china mugs come with 22ct-gold edging and Broadwell inscription – surely a great family heirloom to pass down the generations!

All proceeds from the sale of mugs will go to Broadwell village funds. But the mugs are selling fast, so please order as soon as possible. To place your order (including the number of free mugs if you have qualifying children) please contact me (Clive Harridge) as soon as possible on 07889 247849 or at: clive.harridge96@gmail.com

On behalf of the Jubilee celebrations organising group, my thanks to the generosity of the Broadwell Flower Show Committee and the Trustees of The Green and Victory Hall for funding the free mugs for our village children.

Scarecrows return!

Broadwell has a history of successful Scarecrow events as part of our many Open Gardens in the past. Now they are coming back for our Platinum Jubilee celebrations!

You should have received a note of the theme – ***Famous Events Of The Past 70 Years.*** But if you still require more details, contact Hannah Keyte at Pine Lodge or by e-mail at: **hannah_piper@hotmail.com**

Villagers will be able to judge the scarecrows and there will be a prize for the most original scarecrow and a prize for the best scarecrow in Broadwell. Your voting slips, which will be delivered a week before the Jubillee weekend, need to completed and placed in the ballot box at Pine Lodge by 10.30am on Sunday 5th June.

Plaque for oak tree:

An official Queen's Green Canopy plaque has been purchased for the commemorative oak tree already planted on The Green.

It will be unveiled as part of the Jubilee Picnic on The Green on Sunday, June 5th. The tree will be registered on the official Queen's Green Canopy map.